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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2005.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 39-76 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 39,40,48-51,54-56,58,59,67-70 and 73-75 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 41-47,52,53,57,60-66,71,72 and 76 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 73-76 are objected to because of the following informalities: the claims depend from canceled claims. For examining purposes, claims 73-75 were treated as if they each depend from claim 58, and claim 76 was treated as if it depended from claim 75. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 39, 40, 48-51, 54-56, 58, 59, 67-70, and 73-75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,911,282 (cited by applicant).

US'282 discloses a method that includes, with respect to claims 39 and 58, a method of drilling a well bore [or consolidating formation particulates surrounding a well bore] comprising the steps of: providing a drilling composition comprising a drilling fluid and a consolidating material; and using the drilling composition to drill at least a portion of the well bore and allowing the consolidating material in the drilling composition to penetrate into the walls of the well bore. With respect to the depending claims, the reference teaches the limitations as claimed, including viscosity <100cP, the consolidating material being phenolic-based resin; the material further comprising a

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solvent; the fluid being an aqueous gel or emulsion; the material penetrating the walls; and the composition further comprising a fluid loss control material.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 41-47, 52, 53, 57, 60-66, 71, 72, and 76 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 76 must also be corrected in accordance with paragraph 1 above.

Response to Arguments

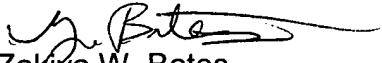
5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 39-76 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zakiya W. Bates whose telephone number is (571) 272-7039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Glessner can be reached on (571) 272-6843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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